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1. DURING CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER LOPEZ RODO JULY 19,
(AFTER EMBASSY CONSULTATION WITH RL REPRESENTATIVE) I RAISED
SUBJECT OF EUROPEAN FINANCING OF RADIO FREE EUROPE AND
RADIO LIBERTY PURSUANT REFTELS AND LEFT WITH HIM
AIDE MEMOIRE ON MATTER.

2. I EXPLAINED DESIRE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO
MAINTAIN STATIONS, INDICATED THE STRONG CONGRESSIONAL FEELING
THAT THE FINANCING OF THESE STATIONS SHOULD BE SHARED
BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF
OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED A FAVORABLE RESPONSE
TO OUR APPROACHES ON THIS QUESTION. I EMPHASIZED THAT IF SPAIN
COULD WAIVE THE ANNUAL FEE FOR OPERATION OF RADIO LIBERTY

IN SPAIN, SUCH AS PORTUGAL HAD ALREADY AGREED TO DO, THIS
WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY HELPFUL ACTION IN OBTAINING
CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT. I REFERRED TO THE SENATE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION IN AUTHORIZING
\$50 MILLION FOR THE RADIO STATIONS BUT CALLED ATTENTION
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TO THE HOUSE BILL APPROPRIATING A LOWER FIGURE AND TO THE

ADDITIONAL COSTS RESULTING FROM DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR
AS FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS MAKING EUROPEAN FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE WELCOME.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER LISTENED TO MY EXPOSITION WITH
AN ATTITUDE OF SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING BUT GAVE NO
INDICATION OF WHAT THE GOS RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACHES
WILL EVENTUALLY BE.
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